



State Board of Education
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
November 30, 2015
Room 500, Cross State Office Building

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Geiger, Chair
Alan Burton
Ande Smith
Martha Harris

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Brown, Director, MDOE School Facilities	Jeanne Crocker, Acting Superintendent,
Ann Pinnette, MDOE School Facilities	Portland Public Schools
Stephanie Clark, MDOE School Facilities	Douglas Ritter Sherwood, Portland Public Schools
Mary Becker, Secretary, State Board of Education	Rob Tillotson, Oak Point Associates
Jane Sexton, State Board of Education	Allison DiMatteo, Oak Point Associates
	Tyler Barter, Oak Point Associates

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of October 30, 2015 were approved as written.

The chair introduced the Portland Public Schools' Site Exhibit to the Committee. He then asked Scott Brown to explain the Exhibit further including the work required in the Department of Education's Site Approval process. Mr. Brown explained the Department's work with the Portland Public Schools' representatives and Oak Point Associates. Acting Superintendent Jeanne Crocker then discussed the challenges of finding an acceptable site for the new school. She also provided a detailed history of the selection process including the extensive public involvement resulting in a 25-2 straw poll. Architect Rob Tillotson reviewed the sites that were considered as well as the detailed Site Plan of the selected site. After a number of questions and further discussion the Committee voted to send the Exhibit to the Board with the recommendation that it be approved.

The committee then reviewed a draft of the Committee's 5- Year Strategic Plan. They discussed their priorities of initiating the next rating cycle, reviewing Chapter 61 for updates, examining options for incentives for regional projects, and advocating for the Revolving Renovation Fund and federal construction programs. The chair will make minor revisions and forward to the State Board.

There being no further business, the Committee voted to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.